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SUBJECT: ALLEGED RESTRICTION OF DEA

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1. EMBASSY KNOWS OF NO INSTANCE IN WHICH RESTRAINTS
HAVE BEEN IMPOSED ON DEA OPERATIONS IN NEPAL. THERE HAVE BEEN
CASES OF COMPETING PRIORITIES--E.G. WHERE ONE SOURCE IS
PROVIDING INFO ON MORE THAN ONE SUBJECT AREA--BUT THESE HAVE BEEN
SORTED OUT THROUGH JOINT EVALUATION OF ANTICIPATED BENEFITS.
THERE HAVE BEEN NO CLASHES IN REACHING SUCH DECISIONS.

2. QUITE THE CONTRARY, WE BELIEVE COOPERATION WITH DEA HAS BEEN CONTINUING AND SUCCESSFUL POLICY AT THIS POST. EMBOFF, WHOSE NARC CONTROL OFFICER DUTIES ARE DEFINITELY SECONDARY, SPENDS CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF TIME HANDLING DEA SOURCES BETWEEN VISITS BY DEA REPS BASED IN DELHI. WHILE FOCUS OF DEA IN-COUNTRY OPERATIONS HERE HAS BEEN VERY MUCH ON INFORMATION GATHERING, IN ONCE CASE A YEAR AGO WHEN DEA SOUGHT TO SET UP AN UNDERCOVER OPERATION HERE, IT WAS EMBASSY THAT TOOK LEAD IN SEEKING NECESSARY LOCAL POLICE COOPERATION IN PLAN. THIS WAS NEVER FORTHCOMING, REFLECTING LOCAL REALITIES, BUT EMBASSY'S ROLE WAS DEFINITELY ONE CONFIDENTIAL

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OF TRYING TO FACILITATE, RATHER THAN LIMIT PROPOSED DEA OPERATION. GIVEN SHARED PERCEPTION OF USG NARCOTICS CONTROL GOALS AND OF POSSIBILITIES LOCALLY TOWARDS THAT END, WE ANTICIPATE CONTINUED GOOD EMBASSY/DEA COOPERATION IN FUTURE. HECK

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